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BLIND"

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THEIR DEED DONE, THE TWO "HIT" CARS
TEAR AWAY FROM THE GRIM SCENE...

BETTER REPORT TO
THE CHIEF REAL QUICK!
EVERYTHIN'S HANGIN'
FIRE TILL HE GETS
OUR CALL-IN!

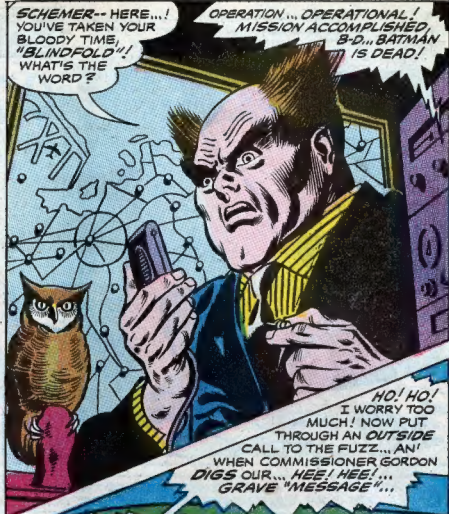
IT WENT OFF
SMOOTH LIKE GREASE!
THE SCHEMER SURE
DREAMS UP THE
FOOL-PROOF ONES!

"OPERATION BLINDFOLD"
TO SCHEMER...
COME IN!



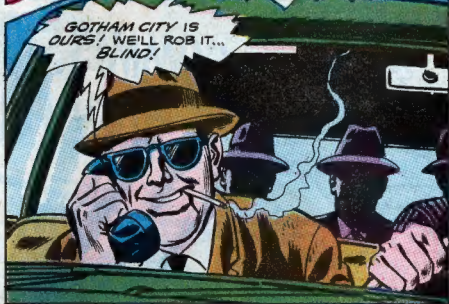
SCHEMER-- HERE...!
YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR
BLOODY TIME,
"BLINDFOLD"!
WHAT'S THE
WORD?

OPERATION ... OPERATIONAL!
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED,
B-D... BATMAN
IS DEAD!



HO! HO!
I WORRY TOO
MUCH! NOW PUT
THROUGH AN OUTSIDE
CALL TO THE FUZZ... AN!
WHEN COMMISSIONER GORDON
DIGS OUR... HEE! HEE!...
GRAVE "MESSAGE"...

GOTHAM CITY IS
OURS! WE'LL ROB IT...
BLIND!



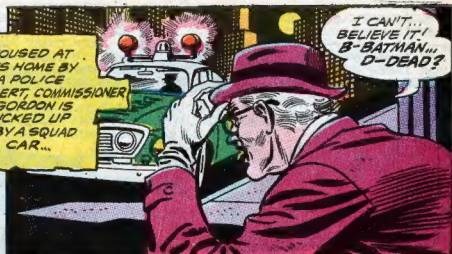
AND AS
THE CARS
PULL UP
TO AN
OUTDOOR
PHONE-
BOOTH,
THE LIGHT
FROM THE
PHONE-
STATION
REVEALS...



PUTTING THROUGH A CALL TO POLICE
"EMERGENCY"...



ROUSED AT
HIS HOME BY
A POLICE
ALERT, COMMISSIONER
GORDON IS
PICKED UP
BY A SQUAD
CAR...



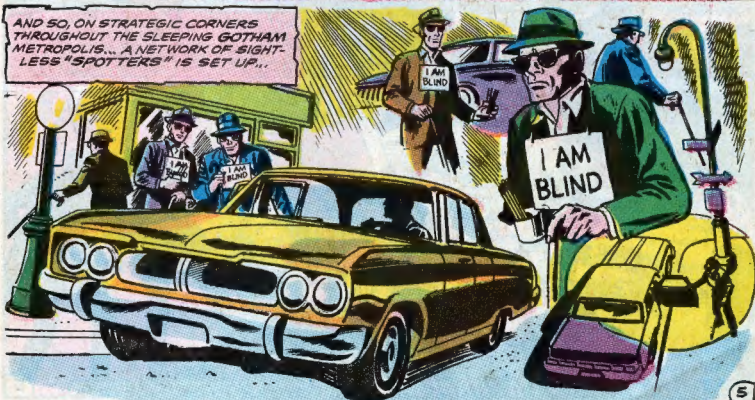
AND, PARKED BY A NEARBY INTERSECTION...



ENTER PHASE 2! STATION YOUR MEN
AT DESIGNATED INTERSECTIONS...
ALL ROADS THAT COULD BE
POSSIBLE ROUTE OF
GOLD-BULLION
PICK-UP TRUCK...



AND SO, ON STRATEGIC CORNERS
THROUGHOUT THE SLEEPING GOTHAM
METROPOLIS... A NETWORK OF SIGHT-
LESS "SPOTTERS" IS SET UP...



WHILE SURVEYING THE GRIM EVIDENCE
LEFT BY THE "KILLER" CARS...

WARNED BATMAN, COMMISSIONER
GORDON? OF WHAT? SURELY
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS
WOULD HAPPEN?

I-I WAS AFRAID
OF THIS! I
WARNED HIM...

WHO COULD KNOW, LT. OWENS? NO...
I FEARED... WHEN BATMAN INSISTED
ON WORKING UNDERCOVER TO TRAP
A SMUGGLING RING, THE
WHARF RATS...

B-BUT HOW CAN
WE BE SURE... THIS
BLIND MAN REALLY
IS BATMAN?

...DISGUISED AS A "BLIND"
MAN!

COMMISSIONER GORDON
THEY FOUND OUT
I'M BATMAN

NOBODY KNOWS
HIS REAL IDENTITY...
SO ANYBODY
COULD CLAIM
TO BE HIM!
ANYBODY!

ANYBODY BUT... A
DYING MAN! WHAT
WOULD HE HAVE TO
GAIN FROM
LYING?

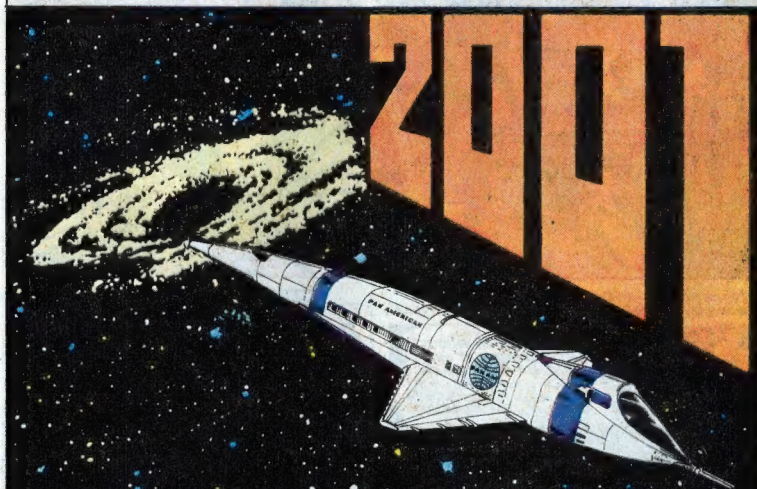
DUNNO, CHIEF!
MAYBE I JUST
DON'T WANT
TO BELIEVE...
THAT BRILLIANT
BATTLER... IS
DEAD! BUT
THERE IS A WAY
TO CHECK...
REAL QUICK!

H-HOW...? I-I'LL
GRASP AT ANY
FINE STRAW
RIGHT ABOUT
NOW... ANY!

COMMISSIONER GORDON
THEY FOUND OUT
I'M BATMAN

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IF BATMAN... IS STILL ALIVE... HE'LL ANSWER HIS HOT-LINE!

OF COURSE... OF COURSE! I'LL TRY AND RAISE HIM AT ONCE!



THAT'S RIGHT, SERGEANT... RELAY ME THROUGH THE HOT-LINE TO BATMAN!

I'LL SWITCH YOU IN, SIR! TAKE JUST A SEC TO UNTANGLE THESE LINES...

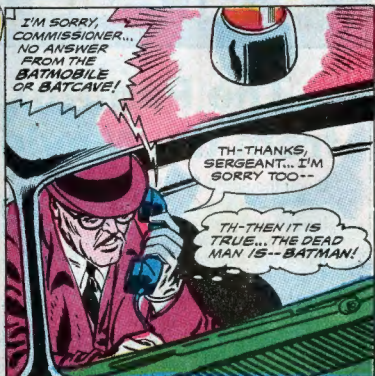
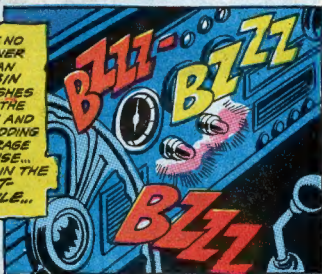
AND IN THAT SLIGHT TIME DELAY... AT A WAREHOUSE ON GOTHAM'S MURKY WATERFRONT AREA...



BRUCE'S MESSAGE SAID TO MEET HIM HERE AT MID-NIGHT... SAID HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING HOT! B-BUT I'VE BEEN WAITING OVER AN HOUR... I'M WORRIED!

IF THOSE WHARF RATS SAW THROUGH HIS 'BLIND' DISGUISE...? GOT TO GET INSIDE... CHECK AROUND--

BUT NO SOONER THAN ROBIN VANISHES INTO THE DARK AND FORBIDDING STORAGE HOUSE... WHEN IN THE BAT-MOBILE...



I'M SORRY, COMMISSIONER... NO ANSWER FROM THE BATMOBILE OR BATCAVE!

TH-THANKS, SERGEANT... I'M SORRY TOO--

TH-THEN IT IS TRUE... THE DEAD MAN IS-- BATMAN!

HAS IT FINALLY COME TO PASS? HAS THE DOUGHTY DEFENDER OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE MET... THE UNCONQUERABLE FOE?

I-I REALIZE YOUR DEEP... AND W-WHY NOT? SOONER... OR PERSONAL... LOSS, COMMISSIONER) LATER, DOESN'T MATTER... GORDON... BUT NOW CAN I TELL GOTHAM CITY-- THE TRAGIC NEWS?

WHILE IN A WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE, A MAN PRIES OPEN A PACKING CASE, AND...

I WAS RIGHT! THE ULTRA IMPORT CO. IS A FRONT FOR THE WHARF RATS SMUGGLING RING!

SUDDENLY... A BLINDING BEAM SPOTLIGHTS THE CORNERED INVESTIGATOR! IT'S BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE!

WE WUZ RIGHT! Y'RE NOT "BLIND"... Y'RE A POLICE PLANT! MEBBEE EVEN... BATMAN!

EITHER WAY... Y'VE USED YOUR PEEPERS FER TH' LAST TIME! CUT 'IM DOWN, RATS!

SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO GORDON... HE WARNED ME THIS MIGHT HAPPEN! AND THE ODDS ARE DEAD AGAINST ME!

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JIMMY OLSEN

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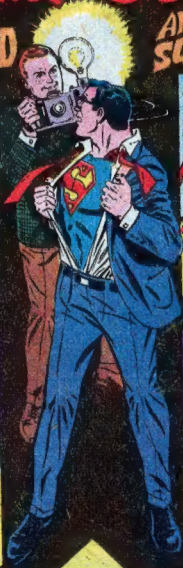
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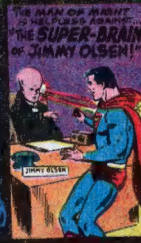
SUPERMAN IS TURNED
INTO A DEVIL BY...
"THE HELMET
OF HATE!"



JIMMY LAUNCHES A
KRYPTONITE ATTACK ON...
"THE KING OF THE
GIANT ANTS!"



"THE MAN OF STEEL" IS
KAYOED BY...
"OLSEN'S
SECRET
POWER!"



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HELPLESS AGAINST...
"THE SUPER-BRAIN
OF JIMMY OLSEN!"

JIMMY EXPOSES HIS BEST PAL'S SECRET IDENTITY IN...
"THE BETRAYAL OF SUPERMAN!"

In this
COMPLETE
issue..

JIMMY STRIKES BACK!

ON SALE

JUNE
11th

BUT THERE'S ONE "FAITHFUL"
WHO WON'T LET BATMAN
DIE EVEN ONCE... AS LONG
AS BREATH STIRS IN HIS
BRAVE LITTLE BODY--ROBIN,
THE BOY WONDER...

MAKE WAY FOR THE
HOME-TEAM, RATS...
I'M THROWIN' A
BLOCKAN' TACKLE!

B-BLAST
JIM!
GGUGH!

AM I EVER
HAPPY TO SEE EVEN
HALF A HALF-BACK
LIKE YOU,
ROBIN!

TAKES A HOOK
TO CATCH A
HOOK... RAT!

PLUS AN INSIDE
LEFT!

DON'T
NEED A BAT...
WHEN A RIGHT HOOK
WILL DO!







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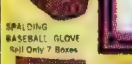
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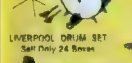
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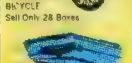
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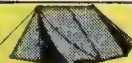


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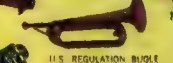
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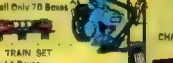
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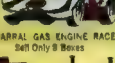
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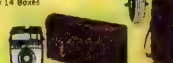
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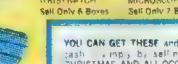
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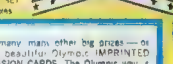
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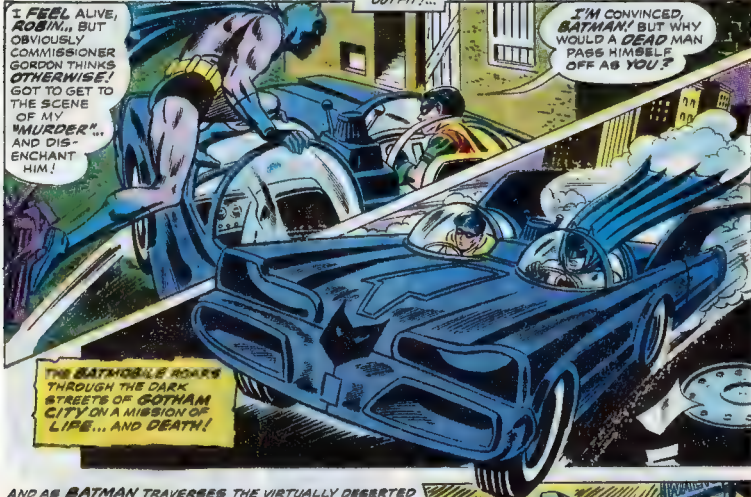
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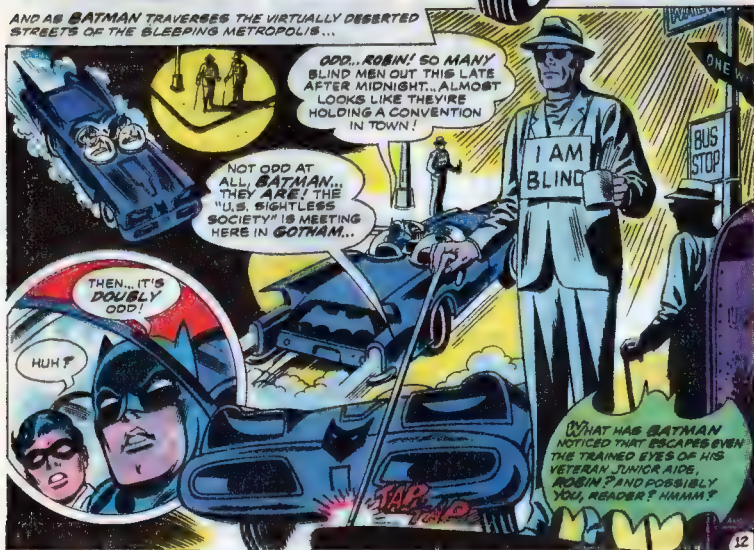
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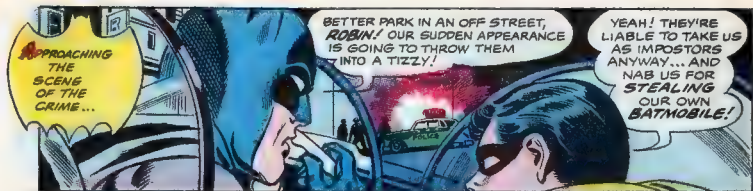
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AS IF TO REASSURE HIMSELF THAT THE NEWS OF HIS "DEATH" IS FALSE, BRUCE WAYNE CHANGES INTO HIS BATMAN OUTFIT!

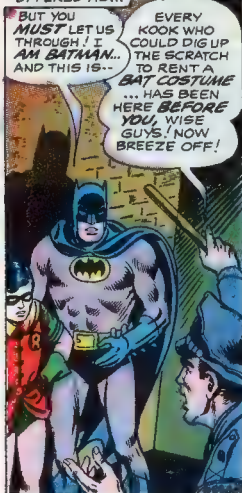


AND AS BATMAN TRAVERSES THE VIRTUALLY DESERTED STREETS OF THE SLEEPING METROPOLIS...





NO TRUER WORDS WERE UTTERED AS...



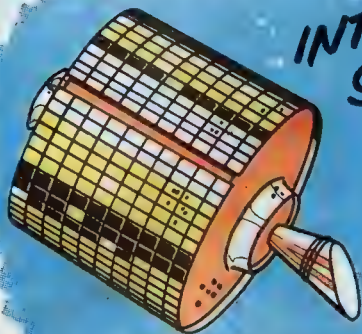
DRIVEN TO THE BREAKING POINT BY HIS EXASPERATING DILEMMA, A WEARY GORDON LOOKS UP AT THE DISTURBANCE...



SWIFTLY, HIS EYES OPERATING LIKE A RAPID-SEQUENCE CAMERA, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE TAKES IN ALL THE PERTINENT MINUTAE, AND RECORDS IT IN HIS COMPUTER-LIKE BRAIN...



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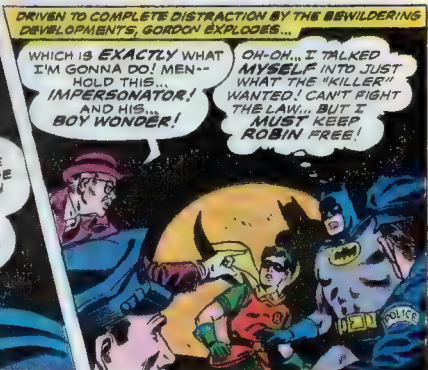
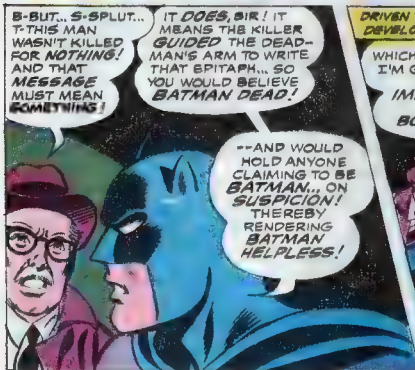
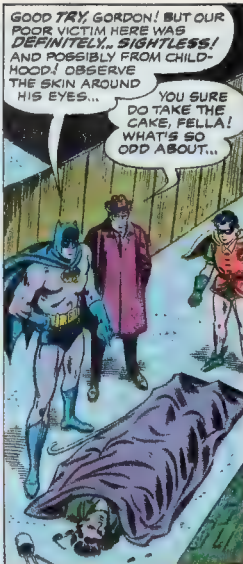


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WHY WOULD A CONVENTION OF "SIGHTLESS" PERSONS, BE OUT ON THE TOWN... SIGHTSEEING? SOMEHOW, ROBIN... THEY'RE TIED IN WITH THIS "BLIND-MAN MURDER"!!

AND ONE OF THEM MIGHT JUST... LEAD US TO THE KILLER! CARRY ON, BATMAN... I'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD!

AND AS THEY ARE ABOUT TO BE TAKEN...

GOT TO CREATE A DIVERSION... FOR ROBIN'S GETAWAY...

HOLD IT, BOYS! YOU MUST BE BLIND, GORDON! THE ANSWER TO THIS MYSTERY... IS RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE! ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU!

BENDING DOWN TO REMOVE THE VICTIM'S DARK GLASSES, THE CAPED CRUSADER'S SHARP EYES DETECT TWO DETAILS HE HAD FORMERLY OVERLOOKED...

DEFTLY ACCOMPLISHING HIS MYSTERIOUS PURPOSE, BATMAN STRAIGHTENS UP, AND...

THAT CANE... AND--! NO WAY TO GET THAT WALKING STICK NOW, BUT... I MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO PALM THE OTHER!

HERE... TRY LOOKING THROUGH THESE!

AND AS ALL EYES FOCUS ON GORDON...

I-I SEE... NOTHING!

HMM? THAT DOES KIND OF BLACK-OUT EVERYTHING... DOESN'T IT?

BATMAN'S RUSE SEEMS TO BE WORKING, BUT... WHAT DID HE PALM?

ROBIN MAKES A BEE-LINE FOR THE BATMOBILE...
INTENT ON CARRYING OUT HIS ASSIGNED MISSION!
AND IN THE ALLEY BEHIND...

THE KID'S GONE!
THAT WAS A SHABBY
TRICK, "BATMAN"...

MAYBE, GORDON! BUT
NO TRICK'S TOO LOW
FOR AN "IMPOSTOR," EH?

AND AS THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT STREAKS
AWAY ON HIS ERRAND...

GOT TO FIND
ME ONE OF THOSE "BLIND"
MEN... AND LATCH
ONTO HIM!

GET
OUT AN
ALL-CARS
ALERT! I WANT
THAT ROBIN-
MASQUERADER
BROUGHT IN...!
AND AS FOR YOU...

I'M PUTTING YOU
IN PROTECTIVE
CUSTODY... AGAINST
ME! GET IN THE
SQUAD-CAR...

YOU'RE MAKING
A BIG MISTAKE,
COMMISSIONER! SOME-
ONE'S PLANNING A BIG
CAPER TONIGHT--AND
YOU ARE
HELPING HIM!

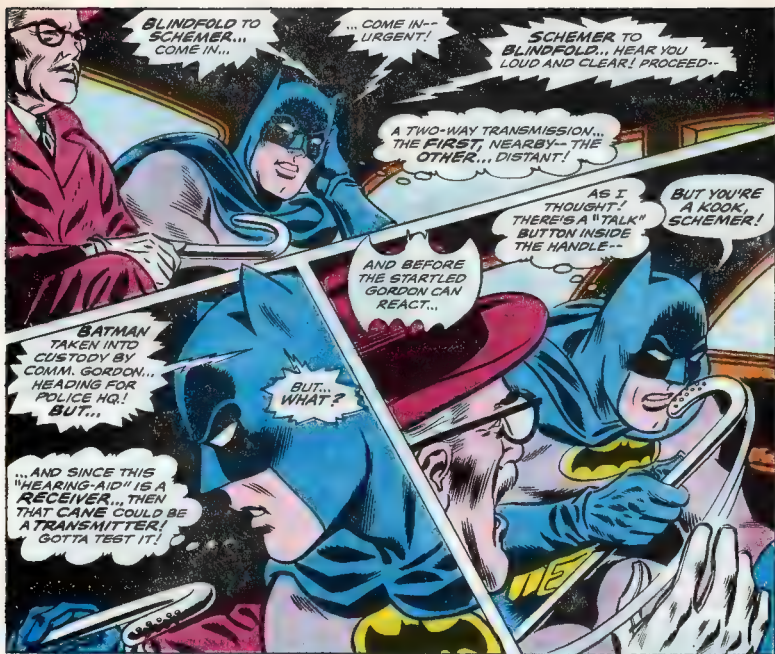
I'LL TAKE THE "EVIDENCE"
WITH ME! TAKE THE
D.O.A. TO THE CITY
MORGUE... GIVE
IT THE USUAL
ONCE-OVER...

THE BLIND VICTIM
COULD'VE HAD
ANOTHER
AFFLICTION! IN
WHICH CASE, THIS
IS JUST ANOTHER
SELF-CONTAINED...
MINI-HEARING-AID!
OR...

BUT AS THEY PASS A HIDDEN OBSERVER...

OPERATION BLINDFOLD
TO SCHEMER...
OPERATION
BLINDFOLD TO...

EH? I'M PICKING UP
A... RADIO TRANSMISSION!
WHICH MEANS... THIS
"HEARING-AID" IS
ACTUALLY A... FIXED-
FREQUENCY
RECEIVER!



BLINDFOLD TO SCHEMER...
COME IN...

...COME IN--
URGENT!

SCHEMER TO
BLINDFOLD... HEAR YOU
LOUD AND CLEAR! PROCEED--

A TWO-WAY TRANSMISSION...
THE FIRST, NEARBY-- THE
OTHER... DISTANT!

AS I
THOUGHT!
THERE'S A "TALK"
BUTTON INSIDE
THE HANDLE--

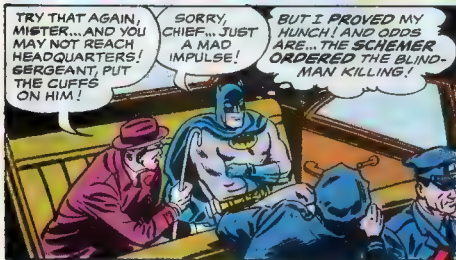
BUT YOU'RE
A KOOK,
SCHEMER!

AND BEFORE
THE STARTLED
GORDON CAN
REACT...

BUT...
WHAT?

BATMAN
TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY BY
COMM. GORDON...
HEADING FOR
POLICE HQ!
BUT...

...AND SINCE THIS
"HEARING-AID" IS A
RECEIVER... THEN
THAT CANE COULD BE
A TRANSMITTER!
GOTTA TEST IT!



TRY THAT AGAIN,
MISTER...AND YOU
MAY NOT REACH
HEADQUARTERS!
SERGEANT, PUT
THE CUFFS
ON HIM!

SORRY,
CHIEF... JUST
A MAD
IMPULSE!

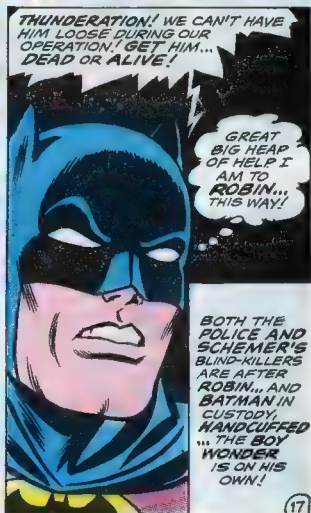
BUT I PROVED MY
HUNCH! AND ODDS
ARE... THE SCHEMER
ORDERED THE BLIND-
MAN KILLING!



I-I DIDN'T SAY IT,
SCHEMER!
S-SOMEONE
CUT IN ON US...
M-MAYBE ONE
OF OUR BOYS
IS... IS A
JOKER!?

NO TIME FOR THAT
NOW... I'LL FIND
HIM, AND DEAL
WITH HIM...
LATER!
NOW, WHAT
WAS YOUR
URGENT?

R-ROBIN!
HE'S
ESCAPED!



THUNDERING! WE CAN'T HAVE
HIM LOOSE DURING OUR
OPERATION! GET HIM...
DEAD OR ALIVE!

GREAT
BIG HEAP OF
HELP I
AM TO
ROBIN...
THIS WAY!

BOTH THE
POLICE AND
SCHEMER'S
BLIND-KILLERS
ARE AFTER
ROBIN... AND
BATMAN IN
CUSTODY,
HANDCUFFED
...THE BOY
WONDER
IS ON HIS
OWN!

WITHIN MOMENTS, THE SCHEMER'S GRIM ORDERS ARE RELAYED TO ALL HIS "SPOTTERS" STAKED-OUT AROUND GOTHAM CITY...

AND AT THAT INSTANT...

RED ALERT! RED ALERT! ROBIN ON THE LOOSE!

MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH OPERATION BLINDFOLD!

ZONE 5... GRID REFERENCE 3L REPORTING, SCHEMER!
"GOLD PICK-UP TRUCK!"
CROSSING MY CHECK POINT...
HEADING SOUTH ON MAIN BLVD.---

PICK IT UP, ZONE 4 STAKE-OUTS...

STOP HIM... AT ALL COSTS!

I AM BLIND

I AM BLIND

SHORTLY, NEAR A ZONE 4 CORNER...

AH! THERE'S ONE OF OUR "SIGHTLESS" SIGHTSEERS! BETTER COUSE MY LIGHTS! PARK... AND TAKE COVER IN A HALLWAY WHERE I CAN WATCH HIM!

BUT JUST AT THAT SPLIT-SECOND...

ZONE 4... GRID REFERENCE 6O REPORTING! OBJECTIVE TURNING CORNER MAIN AND CLARK... HEADED WEST--

AND AS THE SPOTTER TURNS TO FOLLOW HIS QUARRY'S PASSAGE... ROBIN IS CAUGHT FLAT-FOOTED... FULLY REVEALED...

ROBIN...?!

H-HE'S "SEEN" ME! AND HE'S AIMING THAT CANE...?!

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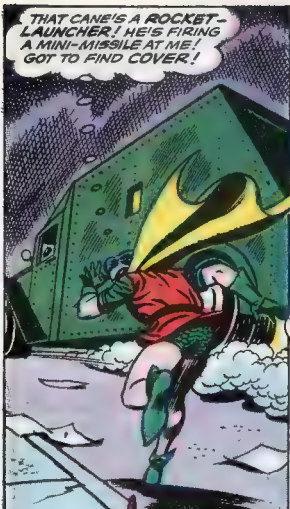
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WE'RE BEING ATTACKED! AN! WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOT THE GOLD YET--

ZUNG

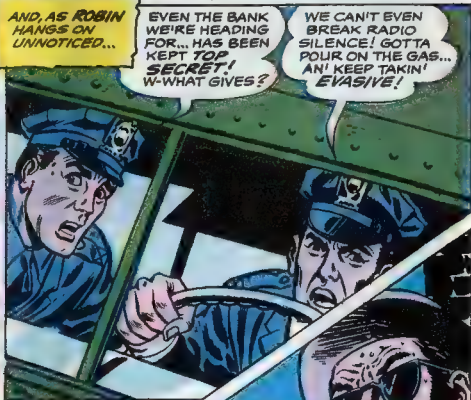
WE'LL TAKE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE!

WHEE! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...

AND, AS ROBIN HANGS ON UNNOTICED...

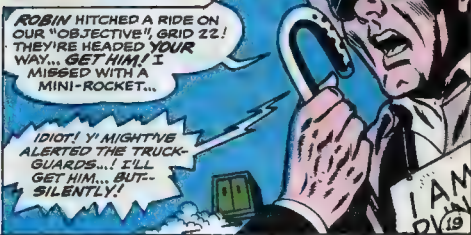
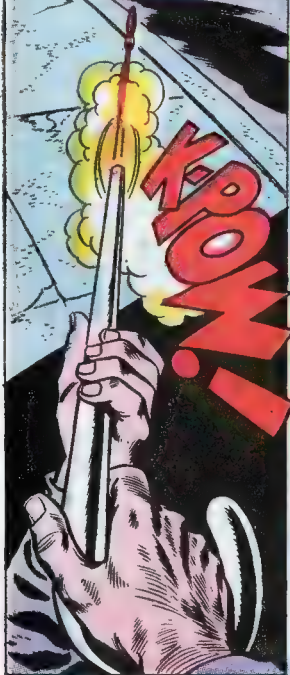
EVEN THE BANK WE'RE HEADING FOR... HAS BEEN KEPT TOP SECRET! W-WHAT GIVES?

WE CAN'T EVEN BREAK RADIO SILENCE! GOTTA POUR ON THE GAS... AN! KEEP TAKIN' EVASIVE!



ROBIN HITCHED A RIDE ON OUR "OBJECTIVE", GRID 22! THEY'RE HEADED YOUR WAY... GET HIM! I MISSED WITH A MINI-ROCKET...

IDOT! Y! MIGHT'VE ALERTED THE TRUCK-GUARDS...! I'LL GET HIM... BUT-- SILENTLY!



AND AS THE OBJECTIVE NEARS CHECK-POINT GRID 22...

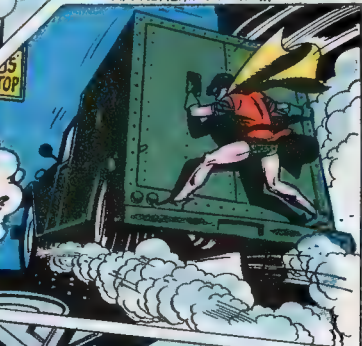


I CAN PICK 'EM OFF WITHOUT RUFFLING THE FEATHERS OF THAT TRUCK CREW! WITH THIS CO-2* SILENT PROPELLANT...

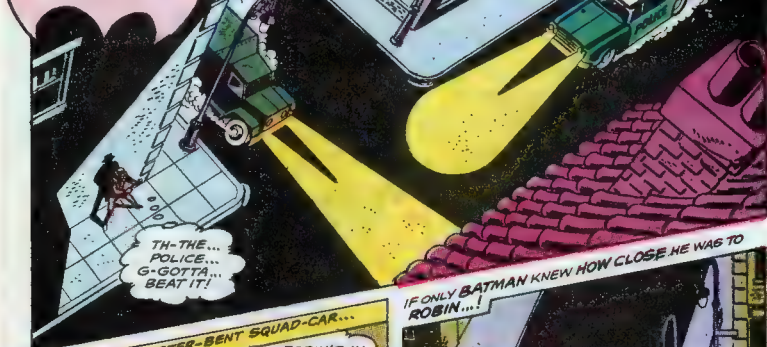
*COMPRESSED-AIR CARTRIDGE...

GOING TOO FAST TO DROP OFF... SURE DEATH! BUT IF I DON'T...? MAYBE CAN EDGE AROUND TO FAR SIDE... OF TRUCK...

ALERT FOR MORE "SIGHTLESS" STAKE-OUTS, ROBIN SPOTS APPROACHING DOOM...



BUT AT THAT INSTANT, TEARING ALONG ON A COLLISION COURSE...



TH-THE... POLICE... G-GOTTA BEAT IT!

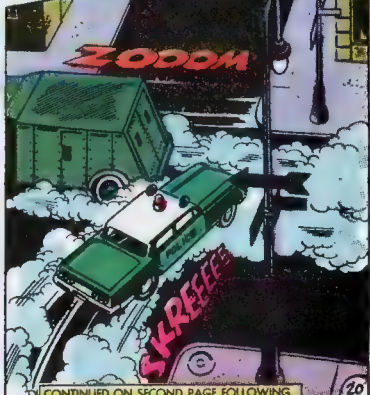
IF ONLY BATMAN KNEW HOW CLOSE HE WAS TO ROBIN...

AND INSIDE THE DISASTER-BENT SQUAD-CAR...



ROBIN'S IN DANGER... SOMEWHERE! BEEN PICKING UP THE "BLINDFOLD" GANG'S KILL ORDERS! IF ONLY I COULD ESCAPE--

H-HOLD TIGHT... WE'RE GONNA CRASH-STOP!



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... TO THE CAREENING ARMORED-TRUCK...



SO NEAR... AND YET--! I'M
WANTED BY THE POLICE
TOO... AND BATMAN IS IN
JAIL WHERE HE
CAN'T HELP ME!

FORGET
THE BRAT... FOR
NOW! I'VE GOT
THEIR TARGET
PINPOINTED!
GRID AREA 2
CONTAINS...

"OBJECTIVE"
HEADING TOWARD
GRID-AREA 2...
ROBIN STILL
ABOARD! SHALL
I ALERT...

AND AS
THEY PASS
ANOTHER
STAKE-OUT
CHECKPOINT...

THE FIRST
FEDERAL BANK!
THAT'S GOT TO BE
THE PICK-UP POINT FOR
THE GOLD-BULLION!
CALL IN ALL
STAKE-OUTS...

THEY'RE TO CONVERGE
ON OUR TARGET... USING
OPERATIONAL PLAN "A"!!

FIRST FEDERAL
BANK

IT BETTER
BE! THE BANK-
TRANSFER WILL
BE THEIR MOST
VULNERABLE
TIME! IF YOU
GOOF THAT...
THEY'LL PROCEED
WITH THE
50 MILLION...

... TO GOTHAM
INTERNATIONAL
AIRFIELD...
WHERE A VIRTUAL
ARMY WILL GUARD
IT TILL TAKE-OFF
TO EUROPE! SO...
DON'T GOOF!

AND... HEH! HEH!... Y'CAN
POLISH OFF THE... HA! HA!...
BOY WONDER AT THE
SAME TIME! A TIGHT
PLAN, EH... BRAIN-
DRAIN?

HOOOT
MON!
WHOO-
HOO!

UNDERSTOOD...
SCHEMER!



BATMAN'S HEAD CLEARS QUICKLY AS SCHEMER'S URGENT ORDERS ARE RELAYED THROUGH TO ALL "SPOTTERS"!



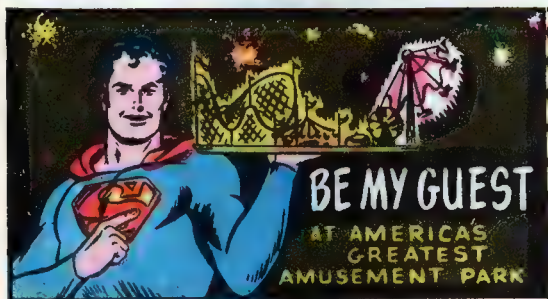
IMPERATIVE! PROCEED TO FIRST FEDERAL BANK! USE PLAN "A" TO FINISH OFF ROBIN AT SCENE!

COMING OUT OF IT, EH, BATMAN? GOOD... I WANTED YOUR EYES OPEN, SO YOU COULD SEE YOURSELF GET IT!

SPOTTER GRID 22 REPORTING IN TO SCHEMER! WILL JOIN OTHERS AS SOON AS I... ELIMINATE-BATMAN!



NOW BATMAN KNOWS THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF OPERATION: BLINDFOLD... AND ITS GRIM SECONDARY OBJECTIVE... THE DEATH OF HIS TEEN WARD, ROBIN! BUT, IF HE CANNOT RELIEVE HIS OWN PLIGHT... WHAT GOOD WILL THAT KNOWLEDGE DO HIM--IN HIS GRAVE? A GRAVE PLIGHT... THAT WE CANNOT MAKE LIGHT OF! IF TWIDDLING YOUR THUMBS WILL RELIEVE YOUR TENSION TILL THE NEXT (SEPTEMBER) ISSUE... TWIDDLE WHILE BATMAN BURNS!



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Dear Editor:

As one of the original *Batman* fans from *Batman* #1 through #200, I wish to congratulate you and the *National* staff upon reaching the 200th issue milestone in the greatest series of comic magazines ever published!

It seems only yesterday I used to lay out the issues of *Batman* as they were published to admire the "finest covers in comics," but now with 200 issues there just isn't room.

And what a legendary life our *Batman* had led: from a long-eared solitary phantom; teaming up with *Robin*, the perennial *Boy Wonder*; acquisition of *Alfred*, the faithful butler, the *Caped Crusader* has clashed victoriously against a horde of fascinating villains: *Joker*, *Penguin*, *Catwoman*, etc. Nor has *Batman* confined his adventures on this *Earth*; he has fought aliens of every sort. He has teamed up with the World's Greatest Heroes: *Superman*, *Flash*, *Green Lantern*, etc.

The merits of this adventures could go on and on, but it is today we're concerned with. I believe the 200th issue's book-lengther, "The Man Who Radiated Fear," was a perfect selection to designate just what *Batman* and *Robin* are today. Despite opinions to the contrary, I feel the *Dynamic Duo* has remained basically the same crime-fighting team as they were originally created. For does not Mike Friedrich's fine story give us the flair of puns that the team is famous for? Our boy Mike gave us an issue of issues—as in one story we had the *Scarecrow*, *Joker*, *Penguin* and *Killer Moth*. And those panels—someone must have suggested Bob Kane research his early adventures for samples of his finest period of art. I refer to the first panels of pages 14, 17, 18, as well as all the pages of *Batman* & *Robin*'s origins.

The story moved fast, the art free and flowing—yet when you look back, much was told. I regard this adventure as a classic!

—Biljo White, Columbia, Mo.

(So has decreed *Batmaniac* #1 on *Batman* #200. And who would deign to disagree? A lone female voice in the wilderness...?—Editor)

Dear Editor:

Concerning *Batman* #200—what a letdown! What a disappointment! After all those cute little drawings of the DC editorial office with a huge lock and signs saying "Off Limits", "Do Not Disturb", "Keep Out", etc., and especially after your promise in *Batman* #196 of something spectacular for issue 200, I was expecting "something spectacular".

"Now what could they be planning?" I wondered. "A brand new character or villain who completely changes the lives of *Batman* and *Robin*? A revolutionary concept in story writing?"

But, alas, no! Instead of this great classic I was anticipating we get just an ordinary tale which, for all its ingenuity and plot, might have been found in issue 238 and nobody would have known the difference.

And another thing, the cover was very good—picturing past covers was a little of the revolution I was hoping for—but somehow, shocking pink just doesn't seem synonymous with the *Caped Crusaders*. Midnight blue or moon yellow maybe, but not pink! Shocking!

Well, even though it wasn't what I had hoped for, "The Man Who Radiated Fear" was pretty good. The part where *Batman* and *Robin* decided to hang up their capes and *Alfred* changes their minds with flashbacks was really grand. Another good thing about this story was that it was the first one with a clue I solved! I guess that about wraps it up, except for the very good art, as usual.

After discovering that Mike Friedrich authored the story, I wasn't too disappointed about #200. As they say, there's always *Batman* #300.

—Susan Hendrix, Cedartown, Ga.

Dear Editor:

In one sense, it's a shame that milestones in comic magazine publishing don't come with, say, every 25th issue so that a "something special", the March *Batman*, could happen more often. However, I suppose it's also true that the rarer these gems are, the more they are appreciated.

I want to thank Mike Friedrich for his fine story. Being, if nothing else, a typical reader, I do have two criticisms. I found bits of this novel somewhat overly sentimental; secondly, much as I enjoyed the "fear" element, I would have liked a really crackling detective story. But I hasten to add that sentimentality was quite appropriate to this issue and the plot was certainly well handled, especially as regards managing to include *Batman*'s traditional foes.

Naturally, I enjoyed immensely the extras—the cover, the old cuts, the interview, etc. I continue to be happily astounded by what I can only term the "new art". And the new techniques—artwork flowing wildly across the pages, completely ignoring the panel lines. *Marvelous!*

Conclusions? A very special issue that succeeded in that which I judged to be its intent. I'd imagine that you had fun preparing it. I certainly did reading it. Many thanks.

—Moira L. Maynard, St. Paul, Minn.

(Now—how about the new team of Frank Robbins—Irv Novick—Joe Giella we've sprung on you with this issue? We're reaching for even greater heights—so hang on, *Bat*-fans!—Editor)

Dear Editor:

During the summer of '67, Mike Friedrich was our roommate. He had come to New York to try his hand at writing *Batman* stories after a long career as major critic and letter writer.

Each time he set out for the offices of D.C., script in hand, it was a toss-up as to whether he would come home cheerful or depressed. It depended, of course on whether his story ideas were accepted or not. Quite often he would leave our pad "full of beans", only to come back, "shot down" (in his own words)!"

After being a *Batman* reader since the '40's it was a special treat to watch a budding writer at work (although it did cost a few nights sleep).

I am delighted to have finally seen Mike's efforts rewarded so beautifully by putting his great story in the important issue #200.

The cover idea was sensational! A cover which will be long remembered.

Three cheers to D.C. for giving the younger generation a chance to bring their talents into the comic magazine field!!! Certainly, a fan's loyalty can have no finer reward.

—Shel Dorf, New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

You will probably receive many letters in regard to number 200 of the *Batman* magazine. I really enjoyed it. It not only included flashbacks of the *Dynamic Duo*'s beginnings but also included some of their most infamous enemies. I especially relished the two excerpts from the very early *Batman* issues. In all, I found #200 most entertaining and well worth my money.

I already love *Robin* and *Batman* for eternity. In issue 200 on the next to the last panel at the end of the story, *Batman*'s arm is on *Robin*'s shoulder. Thank you, for I love these tender scenes between the greatest guys in any fiction literature.

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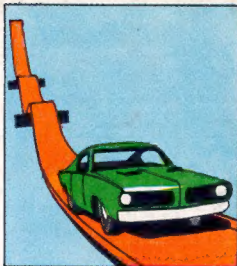
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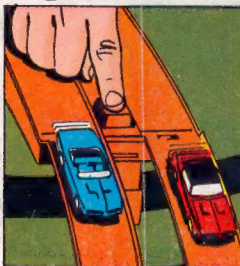
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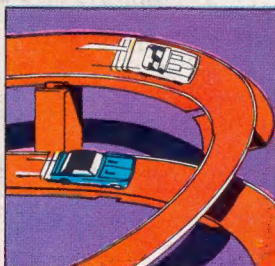
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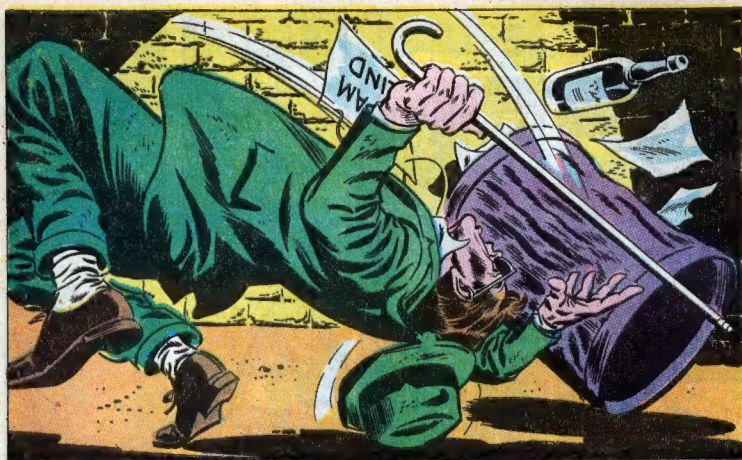


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